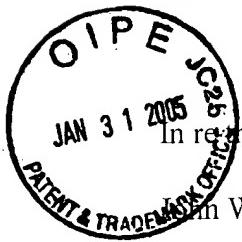


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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the First Office Action from the Patent Office (PTO), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.